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Applicant: Sudhir V. Shah

Application No.: 10/820,537

Group: 1654

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Examiner: Winston, Randall O.

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For: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF HUMAN KIDNEY DISEASES



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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\* not fewer than 20

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 25	\$
X \$ 100	\$
+ \$ 180	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 50	\$ 0
X \$ 200	\$ 0
+ \$ 360	\$

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2004 in the above-identified application. A petition to extend the shortened statutory period for two months, from December 10, 2004 to February 10, 2005, and appropriate fee, are enclosed herewith. Also being submitted concurrently with this Reply is a Declaration of Sudhir V. Shah, M.D. under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereinafter "Declaration").

This Reply and Declaration are also in response to a November 17, 2004 interview with Examiner Randall O. Winston and a December 14, 2004 interview with Examiners Susan Coe and Randall Winston. Sudhir V. Shah, M.D., the Applicant and a representative of the Assignee,

and Applicant's Attorneys, N. Scott Peirce and Mary K. Murray, Ph.D., were present at the interviews. Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys thank Examiners Coe and Winston for their helpful suggestions and for granting the interviews.

Please amend the application as follows: